

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
October 13, 2015

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Roma Amundson, James Michael Bowers, Alan Doster, Jacquelyn Miller, Jane Raybould, Craig Strong, Molly Burton (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark.

Members Absent: Michelle Petersen, Tim Sieh (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Frederick, Steve Beal, Gwendy Meginnis, Scott Holmes, Gwendy Meginnis, Andrea Haberman, Tim Timmons, Brenda Christie, Brian Baker, Mike Heyl and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Eric Jones, Nancy Hicks, Ashley Knox, Lynae Lytle, and Ariana Meysenburg.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Strong that the September 8, 2015 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Ms. Amundson. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Introductions – UNMC College of Nursing Students – Ashley Knox, Lynae Lytle and Ariana Meysenburg, LFR Battalion Chief Eric Jones, Brenda Christie, Asst. Communicable Disease Coordinator, and Mike Heyl, Summer Food Program Coordinator.

Ms. Halstead stated the Safe Kids Coalition will hold their 20th Anniversary Luncheon on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. Board members are invited to attend the luncheon.

The Department is working with Brandon Grimm, Ph.D., from the UNMC College of Public Health, on a Workforce Development Plan. The proposed plan will be presented to the Department's Management Team on October 21, 2015 and to Health Department staff at the Department's All Staff Meeting on October 30, 2015. The Plan will be presented to the Board of Health at the November 10, 2015 meeting. A survey was completed by staff and the results were analyzed. Areas of staff development will be prioritized over the next three years.

Ms. Halstead stated staff continue to follow public health legislation. Interim Studies will begin this fall prior to the 2016 Legislative Session. They include looking at increased local public health funding. The Friends of Public Health will meet with Governor Ricketts on November 10, 2015 to address local public health funding and the need for additional State funding. Funding has not been increased since 2001. Ms. Raybould asked if Medicaid expansion could be part of the discussion with Governor Ricketts. Ms. Halstead responded yes.

The Employee Relations Committee will host their annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Monday, October 26, 2015 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. The luncheon will be held in the Training Center. Board members are invited to attend and should RSVP their attendance to Ms. Severe.

The Mayor will nominate Tom Randa, Good Neighbor Community Center Director, to serve on the Board of Health. Mr. Randa will replace Dr. Lester on the Board of Health as a community member representative.

Mr. Bowers recently was provided the opportunity to ride along with an Animal Control Officer as part of his Board of Health orientation. He will continue his orientation with other divisions including inspections, home visits, clinic observances and division discussions. Mr. Bowers was very appreciative of the Animal Control ride along and stated he learned a great deal. Ms. Halstead stated all Board of Health members are welcome to participate in these opportunities.

The Department received \$350,000.00 in funding for five years from the Food and Drug Administration for the Food Protection & Safety Grant.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)\

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. PulsePoint Presentation

Battalion Chief Jones provided a presentation on the PulsePoint smartphone application that connects individuals trained in CPR with those who suffer sudden cardiac arrest in public places. Chief Jones stated CPR makes a huge difference because the sooner a person receives CPR, the greater their chances of survival and recovery from cardiac arrest. The PulsePoint application is connected to the 911 Communications Center. He stated there are over 250,000 users registered in the USA. PulsePoint is designed to connect rescuers to victims in the critical minutes before first responders arrive on the scene. He provided information on how to download the application. The application provides all LFR dispatched calls and

allows individuals to receive alerts about hazardous materials incidents, fires and injury traffic accidents. Chief Jones stated Lincoln already has about 2000 individuals in Lincoln who are now using PulsePoint. LFR's goal is to have over 5,000 users in the first year.

B. Tuberculosis Update

Mr. Timmons provided an update on Tuberculosis cases in the community and how staff respond to cases in the community. He explained Tuberculosis (TB) and its symptoms. He reviewed the treatment for latent TB Infection and TB Disease and how it is transmitted to other individuals. Treatment of latent TB infection reduces the risk that TB infection will progress to TB disease. Individuals with TB disease take several drugs for a 6-9 month period. This involves directly observed therapy where staff provide the medication to the individuals on a daily basis and assure they take the medication. Directly observed therapy assures patients adhere to the therapy, reduces the development for drug resistance, and reduces treatment failure or relapse after the end of treatment. Ms. Christie is involved in the Direct Observation Therapy and TB disease follow-up. TB disease follow-up involves contact investigation and testing, managing the logistics of getting medications, assessing the individual's home environment, educating the patient and household members and coordinating with the provider on monitoring for medication compliance and treatment progress. Mr. Timmons stated there have been 131 cases of TB in Nebraska between 2010 and 2014. Lancaster County has had 20 cases between 2010 and 2014.

C. Community Health Profile Update

Mr. Frederick reviewed the highlights of the Community Health Profile. He reviewed the MAPP timeline and process, the community health status data including 11 core elements, population data for the County and the City including race and ethnicity. He reviewed the areas where we do well including general health, obesity, no leisure time physical activity in the past 30 days, and seatbelt usage. He also reviewed the areas where we don't do so well in areas including asthma sufferers, alcohol use, binge drinking, and chlamydia rates per 100,000 population. He also reviewed the comparisons for the community health status indicators.

He will provide additional information at the November Board of Health meeting on the Four Assessments. The Assessment include the Community Themes and Strengths Assessment, the Forces of Change Assessment, the Public Health System Assessment, and the Community Health Improvement Plan.

D. Summer Food Program Update

Mr. Heyl provide an update on the 2015 Summer Food Program. The Program provided 89,811 meals at 42 sites in the community from May 27 – August 7, 2015. Forty-six (46) percent of the meals were served to non-white children. All sites were operated at sites located in a school district or census tract where 50% or more of the student body qualifies for free and reduced meals during the school year. The Department collaborates with Lincoln Public Schools to prepare the meals, the Food

Bank of Lincoln and Lancaster County and Anderson Ford who donated vehicles for transportation of the meals and the Department of Education who administers the USDA school nutrition funds that include the Summer Food Program. Key partners who assisted the Department included Parks & Recreation, Lincoln City Libraries, Community Recreation Center, Community and Cultural Centers, Lincoln Public Schools and local churches.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – November 10, 2015 – 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.



Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President